(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The measures for rationalisation, quality control and growth of drugs and pharmaceutical industry announced recently by the Government are aimed at increasing indigenous production of bulk drugs. Copies of the document detailing these measures are available in the Parliament Library.

653. [*Transferred to the 5th March, 1987*].

Survey relating to natural gas fields

654. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has conducted any survey relating to the areas of natural gas fields in the country;

(b) if so, what are the areas surveyed by them with the estimated quantity of natural gas likely to be available; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to use gas in the Power generating stations and if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Surveys are not conducted exclusively for exploration of natural gas. ONGC have conducted surveys for hydrocarbons in the following basins:—

1. Upper Assam
2. Cambay
3. Rajasthan
4. Cauvery
5. Krishna-Godavari
6. Tripura
7. Bombay Offshore and
8. Andaman.

As on 1st January, 1986 ONGC had 424 billion cubic meters of balance recoverable reserves of natural gas.

(c) Gas is already being supplied for power generation in Maharashtra and Assam. Gas is also proposed to be supplied to 3 power stations along HBJ pipeline at Anta (Rajasthan), Auriaya (UP) and Kawas (Gujarat). These plants are expected to come up by August, 1988.

Mobile Laboratory for testing petroleum products

655. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has recently launched a mobile laboratory for testing petroleum products in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the petrol pumps etc., on which IOC conducted raids during the last one month;

(c) what action has been taken against the petrol pumps in Delhi which were found selling adulterated petroleum products;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce such mobile laboratories in other cities also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) A mobile laboratory for testing of petroleum products in the Northern Region has been fabricated and positioned

at Delhi by the Indian Oil Corporation but it has not yet become operational, hence the question of any action based on the reports of this laboratory does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Indian Oil Corporation has positioned mobile laboratories for use in the Eastern and Southern Regions also where they will soon become operational. Extension of this system will depend on the operational experience.

Names of new places having natural gas

657. SHRI JERLE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the names of new places in the country where natural gas has been found?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): Free natural gas has been struck in the following places during 1985-86 and 1986-87:

Narsapur	Andhra Pradesh
Kaza	Andhra Pradesh
Tatipaka	Andhra Pradesh
Pasarlapudi	Andhra Pradesh
B-174 (West Coast)	Offshore
GS-B (East Coast)	Offshore
Karjisan	Gujarat
Rajgarh	Assam

Efforts to find out petrol and gas in West Rajasthan

656. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts have so far been made to find out Petrol and Gas reserves if any in Western Rajasthan and what is the latest position in respect thereof; and

(b) how long it is likely to be taken to assess finally the potentialities for these products in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Exploratory work done by ONGC in Rajasthan so far:

(i) Geological Survey (sq. kms.)	44691
(ii) Gravity Magnetic Stations	34570
(iii) Seismic Surveys	6770 SLK Plus 5660 LK
(iv) Drilling (No. of wells)	22

In addition, Oil India Ltd. have acquired 8000 line kms. of seismic data in their area of operation.

These exploratory efforts have resulted in the discovery of gas at Manhera Tibba and Ghotaru.